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Paw(n) Moves!

Looks bad, George

Doggone it! Charles, Say it isn't so . . .

Ho-hum Another win for little me!

Charles Henderson of Los Angeles playing chess with his dog. George Koltanowski (in the middle by the way) watching.

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Try It and See

They who study and know they're right,
Punish men that aren't a show;
And only knowing men that make a fight,
Who study a book called, M.C.O.

Just because we are so lazy,
We collapse and lose the fight,
So study the openings that are hazy—
The results being, a wonderful sight!
—Pete Velliotes, Santa Barbara

Working My Way Up

MERVYN H. PORTER

While studying over in my mind the picture of the chess board, with the edges of the Ranks and Files both numbered from one to eight, using White's King Rook square as a pivet, I made a startling discovery, and could hardly believe my eyes. How did the authors overlook that?

No matter which way I counted, using the King Rook square as a pivot, every other square had an odd number and every intervening square had an even number.

Boy! Did that bring back fond memories of childhood days when we used to play marbles? Odd or even, which will you take?

After going from one marble dream to another, and then back again, I decided there must be some connection between marbles and chess and I was going to find out what it was.

All I needed was a shot in the arm and everything was as clear as mud.

Whenever I thought of one of the Ranks, I automatically thought of a number. I also automatically knew whether that number was odd or even. But the Files had me stumped.

Quick, the needle, Watson! The old goat's reviving.

Substituting the words odd and even for the numbers previously used on the Files and pre-fixing these words to the names of the pieces occupying the Files, I painted for myself a new picture.

Reading across the board, this is what I saw. Odd King Rook, Even King Knight, Odd King Bishop, Even King, Odd Queen, Even Queen Bishop, Odd Queen Knight, Even Queen Rook.

By now, I suppose you are wondering how my marble game could ever make sense in chess. Well, so am I.

The play would sound something like this: 1. Pawn—Even King Four. 2. Knight—Odd King Bishop Three. 3. Bishop—Even Queen Bishop Four. 4. Queen—Odd Queen Four, and so on into the night. Sounds about as goofy as the rest of the story but I had a lot of fun trying and at least I'll always be able to tell from the notation whether the moving piece lands on its own color or on the opposite color. By this method one would soon be able to immediately identify the color of every square on the board.

I must be getting back to my studies, so I'll say so long for now.

Moscow: The XVIth Russian championship ended as follows: Bronstein and Kotov, 12 pts. each; Furman (a newcomer!) 11; Flohr, 10½; Tolus 10; Bondarevsky, Keres, Konsztantinopolsky, Lizicin 9½ each; Illivicky and Lilienthal 9 each; Holmov 8½; Averbach Lowenfish and Ragosin 8 each; Alatorcev and Panov 7½ each; Aronin and Taimanov 6 pts.

DINNER PARTY, GREEN MILL INN, PETALUMA

Photo by Louis Yates, San Anselmo.

Seated, left to right: S. Goertzel, Joe Lesh, Mrs. J. Lesh, A. Tillin, Mrs. G. Koltanowski, Alan Atkins, Dr. Max Euwe, F. Schneider, Mrs. T. Shoemaker, Tom Shoemaker, Mrs. J. Vanderkwast, L. Wolfson. Standing, left to right: George Koltanowski, B. Akimoff, A. Eisenstein, F. Loskot, J. Levinson, Mrs. L. Wolfson, W. Novak, Gus Wollman, B. Johnson, Miss P. Martin, John Boschen, J. Vanderkwast, Alan Kelly, L. Campi, W. Howe, Sherman Walker, Alex Sokol, M. Bankhead.

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O'KELLY DE GALWAY OF BELGIUM
By A. O'Kelly de Galway

I was born in Brussels on May 17, 1911. My family is from Irish descent and have lived for many generations in Belgium.

I learned chess at the age of about twelve, but before eighteen never went to a chess club. In 1934 I played for the first time in the Belgium championship, and in 1937 played second board for Belgium in the team tournament of Stockholm. Whenever I participated in the Belgium championship, I was the winner. In 1946 I won a tournament in Beverwyk (Holland) ahead of Stoltz and the best Dutch players (10). In 1947 I shared first place with Pirc at Teplic-Sanov (Czechoslovakia). Soon after that I won a small tournament in Hilversum (Holland) ahead of Dr. Max Euwe; was second in the Venice tournament after Dr. S. Tartakower, equal with Canal. This year (1948) I went to Argentina and was placed fifth with Szabo in Mar Del Plata (18 players). I won a tournament in Sao-Paulo (Brazil) ahead of Eliskases, who won the Mar Del Plata tournament. Am sorry I did not have an opportunity to participate in the Stockholm tournament, but the Belgium Chess Federation would not pay traveling expenses.

Here is an interesting game I played by correspondence in 1938:

White: O'KELLY (Belgium)
Black: Alback (Finland)
SICILIAN DEFENSE

1.	P-K4	P-QB4
2.	N-KB3	P-Q3
3.	P-Q4	PxP
4.	NxP	N-KB3
5.	P-KB3	P-K4
6.	N-N5	P-QR3
7.	N(N5)-QB3	QN-Q2

A bad move, B-K3 is necessary and black gets a good game. For instance, if 8. N-Q5, NxN; 9. PxN, B-B4; Eliskases-Fine, Semmering, 1937. Or 8. B-KN5, B-K2; 9. BxN, BxB; 10. N-Q5, B-N4 and black has a good position.

8. P-QR4!

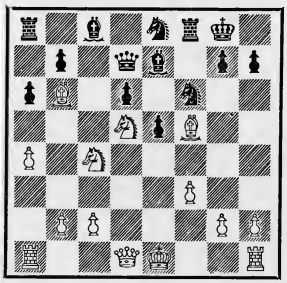
Preparing the following knight march.

8.	. . .	B-K2
9.	N-R3	O-O
10.	N-B4	N-K1
11.	B-K3	P-B4
12.	PxP	RxP
13.	B-Q3	R-B1
14.	N-Q5	N(Q2)-B3?

Loses immediately, but good advice is difficult to give here.

15.	B-QN6	Q-Q2
16.	B-KB5!!	Resigns

Final position.



BREVITIES . . .

By SHEARON BONNER, San Francisco
(Continued from Last Month)

A game almost as short was won by Arnold at Munich in 1933. Bohm was his opponent. This encounter is reported by both duMont in his book above referred to (pages 183-184) and Tartakower in his "A Breviary of Chess" (page 75).

Following is the score:

1.	P-K4	P-QB3
2.	P-Q4	P-Q4
3.	N-QB3	PxP
4.	NxP	QN-Q2
5.	Q-K2	KN-KB3
6.	N-Q6 Mate	

Another game lasting only six moves is reported by both duMont and Chess Review (1937, page 72). It ran as follows:

White: Amateur. Black: HANS BRUENING.

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4
2.	P-QB4	P-K3
3.	N-QB3	P-QB4
4.	B-B4	PxQP
5.	BxN	PxN
6.	B-K5	PxNP

White Resigns.

Probably the reader has already observed that Black did not move a single piece in this game: he moved only Pawns—a very unique game.

If the reader cares for more brevities he may play over the game that concludes this article.

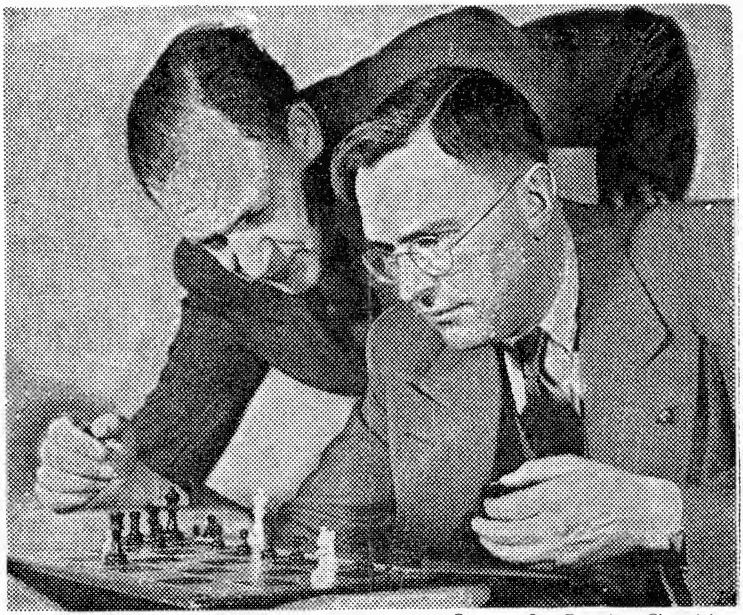
For this one, won by White in seven moves, I am indebted to Tartakower's "Breviary," page 76. Here is the score, as he gives it:

Paris—1933.
White: ADOLPHE SILBERT. Black: T.

1.	P-K4	P-K4
2.	N-KB3	P-Q3
3	.P-QB3	B-KN5
4.	B-QB4	N-Q2
5.	Q-N3	BxN
6.	BxPch	K-K2
7.	Q-K6 Mate	

Dr. Max Euwe Visits The West Coast!

Vancouver, British Columbia, was the first place Dr. Euwe visited on the West Coast. The chess fans there met him in full force at the Alma Academy on Monday evening, Jan. 17. After five hours of play, Dr. Euwe had won 43 games. He bowed his king only to W. E. Fillery and C. F. Miller of Vancouver and H. Osttrom, of North Vancouver. He drew with B. Arden, North Vancouver, Clarence Carroll, Chilliwack and R. J. Eminson and G. Panton, Vancouver. British Columbia champion, A. M. Helman was among the distinguished players. R. A. Douglas, president of the B. C. Chess Federation, attended the exhibition. Canon H. R. Roy was Committee Chairman.



Courtesy San Francisco Chronicle

GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI AND DR. MAX EUWE
Former world chess champion (seated) and his host

— Dave Creemer, Vancouver.

And then on to Los Angeles on January 19th. All interested chess fans were on hand to see this fine chess master in action.

During the day, Dr. Euwe was visiting Mr. A. Bisno and while they were chatting Reshevsky came into the office. Turning to Reshevsky, Mr. Bisno said, "Sammy, Dr. Euwe still thinks you are better than Reuben Fine." Whereupon Reshevsky replied, "'Tis plain to see that Dr. Euwe is a very good friend of mine." "Just a moment," continued Mr. Bisno, "Euwe also says that Botvinnik is better than you are!" Without hesitation, Reshevsky answered, "'Tis plain to see that Dr. Euwe isn't such a good friend of mine."

That night Euwe played 52 games in six hours. Too much kibitzing was his only complaint. He won 28, lost 6 and drew 18.

Here's what Bernard Madrid of Riverside had to say:

"Dear Kolty: Have I got news!

"Last Wednesday night (Jan. 19) I went to Los Angeles and played against Dr. Max Euwe in a simultaneous exhibition and I drew a game with him. A very fine game, too, I think. I haven't analyzed it yet, but I have a feeling that I missed a win somewhere in the end-game. The last 13 moves were played under terrific pressure. You see, I was the last man left and Dr. Euwe just pulled up a chair and it wasn't simultaneous any more—it was across the board! He was moving at lightning speed for it was 2 a.m. and everybody was waiting for my game to end so we could go home. Naturally, I had to play just as fast as he did for the sake of ethics and I know I missed the best moves. But, here is the game. You can see for yourself!"

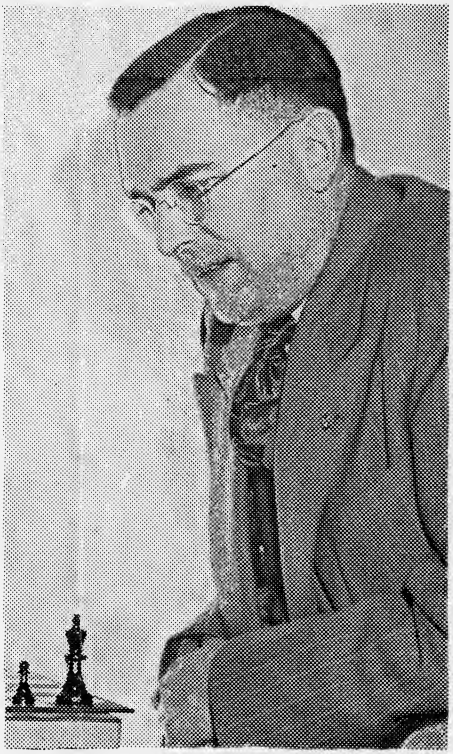
White: Dr. Max Euwe.
Black: Bernard Madrid.

RUY LOPEZ.

1.	P-K4	P-K4	28.	RPxP	N-B3
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3	29.	Q-R8ch	K-R2
3.	B-N5	P-QR3	30.	P-R3	Q-N4
4.	B-R4	P-Q3	31.	Q-B3	P-B5
5.	O-O	N-B3	32.	P-KR4	P-Q6
6.	BxNch	PxB	33.	NPxP	Q-N8
7.	P-Q4	PxP	34.	PxP	QxBch
8.	NxP	P-B4	35.	K-N2	Q-K4
9.	N-B5	BxN	36.	P-N5	N-N1
10.	PxB	B-K2	37.	Q-N4	N-K2
11.	N-B3	O-O	38.	P-B6	PxBP
12.	P-KN4	N-Q2	39.	P-Q4	P-B4
13.	N-Q5	P-QB3	40.	Q-R5	Q-N2
14.	NxB	QxN	41.	P-Q5	P-R4
15.	B-B4	P-Q4	42.	P-Q6	N-B3
16.	Q-B3	P-B5	43.	Q-B3	N-Q5
17.	Q-KN3	KR-K1	44.	Q-Q3	PxP
18.	B-K3	Q-N5	45.	P-R5	N-K3?
19.	B-Q4	P-B4	46.	QxPch	K-R3
20.	B-B3	Q-N3	47.	P-B5	N-B5ch
21.	P-N3	P-Q5	48.	K-N1	Q-Q5
22.	B-Q2	R-K7	49.	QxBP	Q-Q8ch
23.	Q-KB3	QR-K1	50.	K-R2	Q-Q5
24.	KR-K1	RxRch	51.	K-N1	QxBP
25.	RxR	RxRch	52.	P-Q7	Q-B3
26.	BxR	P-KR3	53.	QxN	QxP
27.	Q-Q5	PxP!	54.	Q-K5	Drawn

Then from Los Angeles to Santa Rosa for a short rest. Or, at least, that's what we thought! Instead, he spent two days whizzing around San Francisco in an effort to get a visa to Guatemala. As a result, it was a rather fatigued Euwe who was guest of the Redwood Empire Chess League at a dinner party in the Green Mill Inn near Petaluma on Friday night, January 21st. It was a grand party and Euwe told everyone of his tour in the West and how much he appreciated the hospitality extended to him everywhere. After the dinner, he took on 23 players and in 3 hours and 20 minutes, he won 20 games; lost one to Roland Goudswaard, a 16 year old Santa Rosa High school boy, and drew two, against Alan Kelly, Santa Rosa, and Gus Wollman of Petaluma. Mr. Alan Atkins of San Rafael, president of the Redwood Empire Chess League, presided at the dinner.

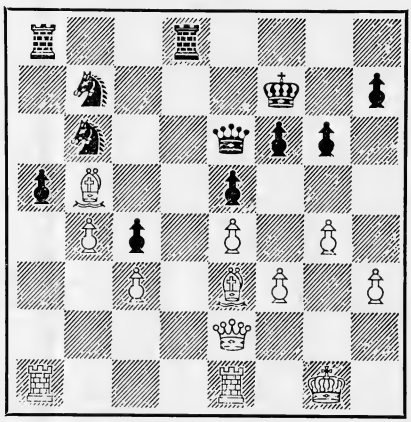
On Saturday, January 22, at 8 p. m., Dr. Euwe was the guest of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club. It was a real gala affair. It took Euwe four hours to finish the show and over 200 spectators watched the battle which ensued during that time. He won 16, lost 3 (to Herbert Dasteel, 17 year old San Francisco high school boy; Robert T. Konkel, Richmond, and Paul Wolf, San Francisco) and drew three (Charles Bagby, San Francisco; Neil T. Falconer, Berkeley; and Charles Svalberg, Russian Chess Club). And



Courtesy Press Democrat, Santa Rosa

here are some highlights from this exhibition:

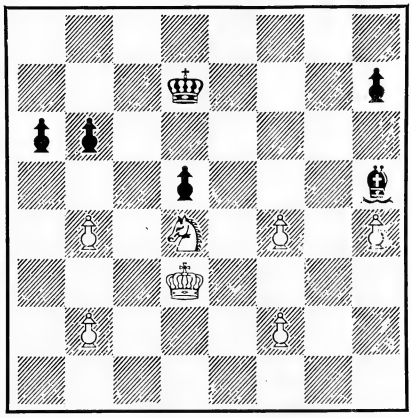
Black: Herbert Dasteel.



White: Dr. Euwe.

35. BxN? A blunder . . . QxBch and White resigned.

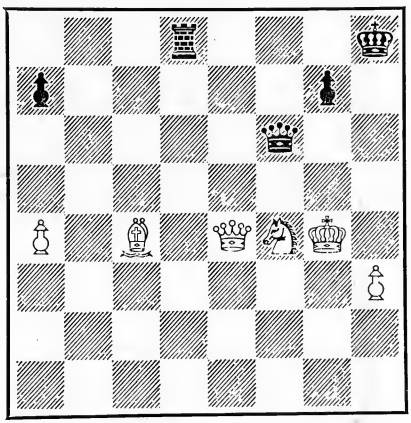
Black: Wolf.



White: Dr. M. Euwe.

White continued with 42. N-B5?? (K-K3 wins easy) B-N3 and Black won on the 60th move.

Black: Hendricks.



White: Euwe.

This was an exciting game, in which Hendricks had the pull for a long time . . . White finished the game here with 45. N-N6ch, K-R2; 46. N-B8d.ch. and mate next move.

And here's the best game of the evening:

White: Dr. Max Euwe.
Black: ROBERT G. KONKEL.
RUY LOPEZ.

1. P-K4	P-K4	7. B-N3	P-Q3
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	8. P-B3	N-QR4
3. B-N5	P-QR3	9. B-B2	P-B4
4. B-R4	N-B3	10. P-Q4	Q-B2
5. O-O	B-K2	11. QN-Q2	O-O
6. R-K1	P-QN4	12. N-B1	B-Q2

So far along familiar lines. B-N5 is also played here.

13. PxKP	PxP	16. NxBch	QxN
14. N-K3	QR-Q1	17. B-N5	N-B5
15. N-Q5	Q-Q3	18. R-N1	

Q-B1 or even P-QN3 is better.

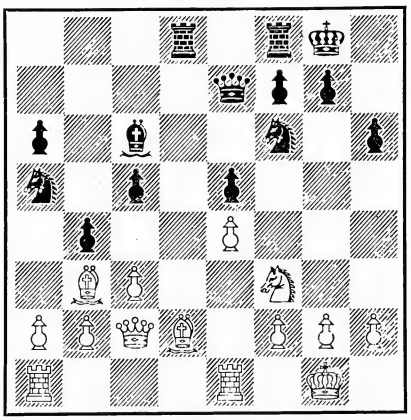
18. . . .	P-R3
19. B-B1	P-N5

Well played. Black now assumes the initiative.

20. B-N3	N-QR4
21. B-Q2	B-B3
22. Q-B2	

Black now drives relentlessly.

Position after White's 22nd move.



22. . . .	P-B5!	25. BxNP	BxKP
23. B-R4	P-N6!	26. RxB	NxR
24. PxP	PxP	27. BxPch	

This makes matters worse. QxN followed by B-K3 was better. Black remains the exchange ahead.

27. . . .	QxB
28. QxN	RxB!

This kills.

29. NxR	QxBPch
30. K-R1	QxN
31. QxKP	QxQNP!

White resigns.

On Sunday, before leaving for Guatemala, Dr. Euwe won a game from H. Gordon, H. Borochow and A. Weiss in consultation.

Dr. Euwe's visit was a rare treat to all chess players. He is indeed a kind and gracious person and the time spent with him was most stimulating. We are looking forward to another visit and hope he will return soon.

Bon voyage—en tot weerziens!

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New York Tournament

By MILTON FINKELSTEIN

Here is the final standing in the Manhattan Tournament:

	F.	N.	P.	E.	H.	Kr.	Bi.	Ka.	De.	St.	
Fine	—	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	8
Najdorf	0	—	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	6½
Pilnick	½	0	—	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	5
Dr. Euwe	0	½	½	—	½	1	1	½	½	½	5
Horowitz	0	½	½	½	—	½	½	0	1	1	4½
Kramer	0	0	0	0	½	—	1	1	1	1	4½
Bisguier	½	½	½	0	½	0	—	½	½	1	4
Kashdan	0	0	0	½	1	0	½	—	1	1	4
Denker	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	0	—	½	2
Steiner	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	—	1½

Reuben Fine's chess career has always been one of continuing successes. Even when, as a twelve-year-old novice at the Marshall Chess Club, little Reuben began to show amazing and consistent improvement, there were few who doubted that this was destined to be one of the great names in American and World chess. Fine followed his early local successes with a series of real team victories, first in the Metropolitan Chess League of New York City, then in the Intercollegiate Tournaments and finally as a member of the American contingent which succeeded in bringing home the world team championship on several occasions. Fine began winning U. S. Open tournaments in 1932, repeating in 1933, 1934, 1939, and 1941. At the Marshall Chess Club, Fine won several club titles, and there developed a rapid-transit style which has permitted him to win the U. S. Speed title every time he has contested for it.

On the international scene, Fine's progress was just as consistent, with a series of prizes in grandmaster competition which reached its apex when he won (with Keres) the 1938 AVRO tournament. Although he was unable to participate in the recent tournament for the world's championship, there are few who will argue that he would not have made his presence felt in that memorable event.

In fact, Reuben Fine has captured every chess prize in sight—with the notable exception of the United States Championship. Here he has been unable to unseat Samuel Reshevsky, Fine's partner in the thin ranks of American grandmasters. Reshevsky's persistence in retaining the title has been matched by Fine's tenacious hold on second place in the ranks of American chess players.

And now, Reuben Fine has come through with a truly magnificent achievement—the easy conquest of a redoubtable field of American and foreign players in New York's first truly international tournament since 1927. Fine's failure to compete in the World Championship event, although caused by his previous committments, was looked upon by some as presaging a retirement from the ranks of active masters. The results of the Manhattan Tournament (Dec. 23, 1948-Jan. 2, 1949) should serve to dispel all doubts. When a master plays 9 rounds against a field which would make any European Tournament Committee proud, and wins the tournament by a convincing margin, then all that the critics can do is turn to the record and say, "What would you have expected?" Reuben Fine is today, as ever, one of the world's great chess figures!

Miguel Najdorf of Poland and Argentina, who finished in second place, showed startling unevenness. His win against George Kramer was a positional masterpiece. His loss to Fine was the proper result of a showy and superficial attempt at a brilliancy. Herman Pilnik and Dr. Euwe were unconvincing in their sharing of third and fourth prizes. Pilnik seemed ready to accept a draw in every game—a passive style which had an unexpected success. Dr. Euwe, on the other hand, played exceptionally well but still seemed plagued by that curious slump into which he has fallen of late. Although he lost only to Fine, his games were characterized by superior positions which petered into draws.

George Kramer continues to develop as America's most gifted younger master. Always imaginative and rarely unsound, his play shows increasing depth of perception and growing clarity of ideas. It seems a safe prediction to warrant that George Kramer will yet become the American champion! After all, did he not defeat three holders of that title — Kashdan, Steiner and Denker—in this tournament?

Steiner and Denker proved disappointments. In the case of the former, it would seem a temporary lapse. Herman can certainly play better chess than that which he exhibited in this event! Denker, sadly out of practice, simply couldn't get started.

"Practice" is the key word in attempting to understand the showing made by such players as Horowitz and Denker. They were badly out of form, and perhaps this will explain why they played so passively and so timidly.

Dr. Fine (it will take some time for chessplayers to remember to use the title) has done it again. Would that there were other clubs as willing as the Manhattan Chess Club to sponsor as fine a tourney as this one!

There is a curious tale attached to the game which appears below. It seems that Horowitz played the opening moves much too slowly. At the 20th move, he noticed that he had about one minute left for the remaining 11 moves. In a frantic effort to avoid going overtime, he began making his moves in true blitz style. Najdorf, observing this sudden speed, glanced at the clock and assumed that it was he, Najdorf, who was in such extreme time pressure. As a result, both players began making move on move, even forgetting to record their moves. Najdorf, who had had a distinctly superior game when the scramble began, drifted quickly into a lost ending. He then offered the draw. Horowitz, no doubt still fearful of going overtime, quickly accepted. Take a long look at the final position. Which of you would dare to offer a draw in such a sad plight?

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

White: Najdorf.		Black: Horowitz.	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	3. N-QB3	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3	4. N-B3	P-B4

The Tarrasch Defense, which Horowitz has long favored, and which has so often given him a poor game.

5. BPxP	NxP	8. O-O	O-O
6. P-K3	N-QB3	9. Q-K2	PxP
7. B-Q3	B-K2	10. PxP	

White's development, despite his isolated QP, is much easier.

10. . . .	N-B3
11. R-Q1	

Indirect protection of the QP. If 11. . . . NxP, 12. NxN, QxN,13. BxPch.

11. . . .	N-QN5	19. RxR	QxR
12. B-QB4	P-QN3	20. R-QB1	Q-K1
13. N-K5	B-N2	21. Q-Q3	B-Q3
14. B-KN5	QN-Q4	22. R-K1	BxN
15. QR-B1	P-KR3	23. PxB	Q-N4
16. B-Q2	R-B1	24. Q-N3	N-K2
17. B-N3	P-QR3	25. B-B2	K-R1
18. NxN	NxN		

Otherwise 26. BxRP cannot be answered.

26. B-B3	N-Q4	28. Q-Q3	QxQ
27. B-Q4	Q-B5	29. BxQ	R-B1

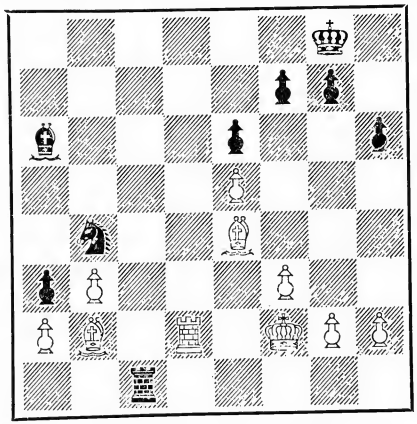
The time-scramble is on!

30. B-K4	K-N1??	35. R-N1	P-R6
31. BxP	R-B5	36. R-Q1	B-R3
32. P-QN3	R-B1	37. K-B2	N-N5
33. B-Q4	P-QR4	38. R-Q2?	
34. P-B3	P-R5		

38. B-B5 could have been tried.

38. . . .	R-B8
39. B-N2??	

The move looks good, but Horowitz finds the saver! B-B5 was still possible.



39. . . .	N-Q6ch!	41. B-K4	P-B4
40. BxN	PxB!	42. RxP?	

Of course, PxP e. p. was good. After 42. . . . PxP, 43. RxP would still win with ease.

42. . . .	PxB
43. PxP	DRAWN!

NIMZOWICH DEFENSE

White: Denker.		Black: FINE.	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	7. PxP	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-K3	8. P-QR3	B-Q3
3. N-QB3	B-N5	9. N-N3	P-KN3
4. Q-B2	N-B3	10. B-Q3	P-QR3
5. P-K3	O-O	11. B-Q2	B-K3
6. N-K2	P-Q4		

It's interesting to observe the calmness with which Fine simply goes about developing his pieces.

12. QN-K2	Q-Q2
13. O-O	N-K1

The idea is amazingly simple. Black will open up the K-side by advancing the KBP.

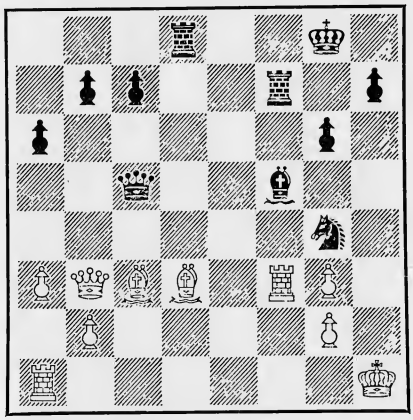
14. P-B3	P-B4	18. NxN	QxNch
15. P-K4?	BxN!	19. K-R2	R-Q1
16. PxB	QPxP	20. R-B3	N-B3!
17. PxP	NxP		

The return of the N to the scene of battle will be decisive.

21. PxP	BxP
22. Q-N3ch	R-B2
23. B-B3	

If 23. B-QB4, N-N5ch! 24. K-R1, QxB (2); 25. BxRch, K-N2; and White is defenceless against the threat of Q-R3ch!

23. . . .	N-N5ch
24. K-R1	Q-B4



25. BxB

If 25. B-QB4, B-K3!

25. . . .	PxB	27. RxR	QxR
26. R-Q1	R-Q3	28. K-N1	Q-R3

White overstepped the time limit. However, he seems to have no replies to the threats Q-B8, Q-R7ch. A real fight!

Najdorf turns out a model of precision position play in his defeat of Kramer.

GRUENFELD DEFENSE

White: Kramer.		Black: NAJDORF.	
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	4. Q-N3	PxP
2. P-QB4	P-KN3	5. QxBP	B-N2
3. N-QB3	P-Q4		

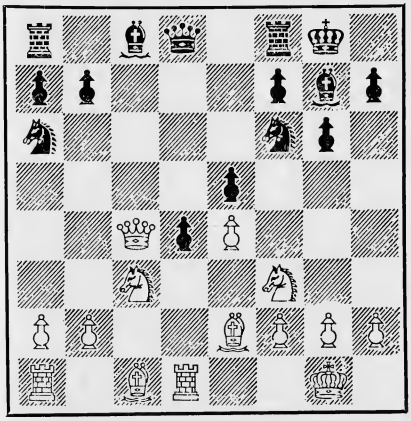
Black avoids the P-sacrifice by 5. . . . B-K3; 6. Q-N5ch, N-B3; 7. QxP, B-Q2; 8. B-B4, etc.

6. N-B3	O-O	7. P-K4	N-R3!

A beautiful move, which enables Black to enforce P-QB4.

8. B-K2	P-B4
9. O-O	

Position after 10th move of Black.



9. . .	PxP
10. R-Q1	P-K4!
11. NxKP	N-Q2!

Attacking both White Knights!

12. NxN	BxN	16. P-B3	P-B4!
13. N-Q5	R-B1	17. QxP	PxP
14. Q-N3	N-B4	18. PxP	NxP
15. Q-QR3	R-K1	19. B-B3	

Of course, White cannot play 19. QxNP because of 19. . . . B-QB3.

19. . .	B-QB3
20. N-N4	N-B7!!
21. NxB	NxR!

If 22. NxQ, R-K8 mate!

22. B-Q2	PxN
23. RxN	P-Q6!

Threatening B-Q5ch.

24. Q-R6	Q-Q5ch	30. B-KN4	R-B2
25. K-R1	QxP	31. B-QR5	R-B2
26. Q-B4ch	K-R1	32. B-N6	R-B7
27. P-KR3	P-B4	33. P-R5	P-Q7
28. P-QR4	Q-Q5	34. K-R2	R-K8
29. QxQ	BxQ	35. K-N3	RxR

White resigns.

SICILIAN DEFENSE.

White. FINE.		Black: Najdorf.	
1. P-K4	P-QB4	23. BxP	P-B3
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	24. B-Q4	PxP
3. P-Q4	PxP	25. PxP	R-Q
4. NxP	N-KB3	26. R-B7	N-B
5. N-QB3	P-QR3	27. B-QB5	B-Q2
6. P-KN3	P-QN4	28. R-R7	B-K
7. B-N2	B-N2	29. B-Q6	B-N3
8. O-O	P-K3	30. B-B6	B-Q6
9. Q-K2	QN-Q2	31. P-QN4	P-KR4
10. P-QR3	Q-B2	32. RxRP	R-B
11. P-B4	R-B	33. K-B2	P-R5
12. P-R3	Q-B5	34. PxP	N-N3
13. Q-B2	P-Q4	35. K-N3	K-R2
14. P-K5	B-B4	36. P-R5	N-R
15. B-K3	N-K5	37. K-B4	N-B2
16. NxN	PxN	38. B-B5	R-B2
17. N-N3	QxP	39. B-B3	B-B5
18. NxB	QxQch	40. B-K4ch	K-R3
19. RxQ	NxN	41. B-B5	N-N4
20. R-QB	N-Q2	42. B-N6	NxPch
21. RxRch	BxR	43. K-N3	N-N4
22. R-B2	O-O	44. R-R8	Resigns

The Shortest Game I've Ever Claimed

By A. J. FINK

It was back some 30 years ago when give-away chess was popular. Oh yes, this form of chess has its combinations —a bit relaxing as compared with the regular style.

I played 1. P-KR4, my opponent, 1. P-QR3; I followed 2. P-QR4, and now 2. P-Q3, an innocent looking move, gave me claim to a sure win. It starts 3. P-KN4, BxP; 4. B-N2, BxP; 5. BxP, BxQ; 6. BxR. Follow it through, it's amusing.

Memories . . .

By GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI

Readers insist that I continue to write my memoirs . . so I'm dreaming again! Looking through my famous suitcase I found the following article from B.C.M. that certainly deserves reprint. What do you think?

GUATEMALA

My wife and I, a-tingle with excitement, arrived at Puerto Barrios, after a lovely two-day trip by boat from Santiago de Cuba. At last we were going to see Central America in its full glory. Puerto Barrios from afar looked like just a few palm trees centered together, with here and there some red tiled roofs peeping through; and it looked much the same on closer view.

The officials came on board ship . . . most of them were chess players, so there is no need to describe the fine welcome we received.

Although Guatemala City is only 140 miles away, the train takes ten hours to cover the distance; this is due to the mountains it has to climb; Guatemala lies 5,000 feet above sea level. But a delegate from the Guatemalan Chess Federation was in Puerto Barrios to greet us, and we were to make the train trip the next morning at eight.

Once on the train, we were overwhelmed by the variety of novelties—the sight of almost virgin territory; banana plantations with beautiful green foliage; slowly rising mountains with a wonderful view of the blue sea below; the Indians selling fruit for next to nothing (and the variety of this fruit is remarkable); the strange dresses of the Indians; and then the short stop half-way at Zacapa for lunch in a great hurry (which was lucky for we could not eat much of it anyway). The nearer we got to Guatemala the cooler it became, and soon we saw the first real houses, and people dressed in European style, and our train rolled in exactly on time at our destination—Guatemala City.

Everyone and everything was there to greet us . . . except an army band. We were taken to the Palace Hotel which was to be my headquarters. It is a modern hotel, like the best hotels in the U. S. A., only not nearly so high since the possibilities of an earthquake forbid the erection of tall buildings. Never before had I seen such clean streets, void of beggars (almost incredible but true!), with well-trained and polite police.

That evening we heard a marimba being played, a Guatemalan instrument which gives forth a kind of music that takes some getting used to, but from which really beautiful music can be produced. That evening, too, hundreds of chess players, I believe, turned up to pay their respects to us. That was really very charming and hospitable, but tired bodies need some rest, too, so that is was early to bed for both of us; though we greatly regretted leaving our newly made friends so soon.

At eleven I remember turning out the light and immediately fell fast asleep.

I awoke with a sudden start, blinked and looked around the room . . . the light was on; standing beside my bed was a tall man in officer's uniform, holding under his left arm a military hat with white feathers which resembled a Napoleonic model.

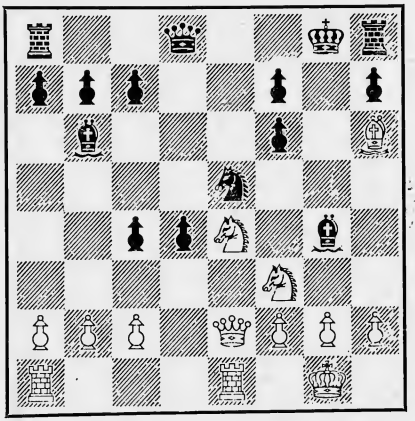
He was staring intently at me and I began to doubt my whereabouts. However, jumping up in bed I noticed at once that Leah was in her bed fast asleep and I let out a sigh of relief at finding I was still mortal.

"What the . . .," I was exclaiming when the tall man lifted his right hand to calm me and said in a soft, pleasing voice in melodious old Spanish, "Please, sir, don't feel nervous and forgive my late intrusion upon you in this way; allow me to introduce myself . . . General Miguel Garcia Granades . . . and I know that you are George Koltanowski. For years I have been longing to meet a chess master and I would esteem it an honor if you would look at the position on the board here."

He stepped aside and to my utter surprise I observed a table with an inlaid chess board, holding ivory pieces, standing in the center of the room. How did they get here I asked myself—and the kindly old gentleman? I was at a complete loss; I didn't know what to do. Surely people did not go around at three o'clock in the morning, waking up tired persons just to judge a position . . . so I studied the man in front of me.

He looked very kind and he had dark hair growing grey around the temples. It seemed an imposition; but

his eyes were so pleasing that I got out of bed without any further discussion, willing to oblige. I offered him a chair which he accepted, taking the black side of the board. I sat down opposite him and commenced to look at the position which I reproduce here.



"Whose move is it?" I asked.

"White's," was the quiet answer.

Then I looked again. Yes, I recognized the thing all right; it must have been the Max Lange variation and with white to move it was easy.

"Well," I said, "why not play simply 1. KtxKt, BxQ; 2. Kt—Q7 and black cannot stop mate?"

"You are right, sir," said the gentleman in a very pleased voice. "You know, I played this sixty years ago in Guatemala."

"Excuse me," I quickly interposed, "aren't you making some kind of mistake, the Max Lange has been known for only about fifty years, and besides that, you don't look more than sixty, if I may say so."

He looked at me quite calmly, and a whimsical smile hovered around the corners of his mouth whilst he told me the following.

". . . I was born in the small port of Santa Maria, near Cadiz in Spain, in 1809 . . . don't look so incredulous—just listen. As a small boy I came over with my parents to Guatemala, where I first went to school, later on finishing my studies in America and Europe. I had one object in life—to become a general and free Guatemala from Spanish domination. I married Cristina Sabario, a member of one of the finest families of this town, and we built our home here where you are staying now. This very room you occupy was the room I used for the chess club which I had formed in my home; every day it was filled with friends and many a game was played here under the same conditions as exist in any modern club of today. We were all keen chess players. In 1830, when your country was formed, I and many of my friends had to flee to Mexico as our revolution had failed; I had to leave all my belongings here.

"It was those first years of hardship in a foreign country that I started going to a cafe where chess players gathered in Mexico City; they would play for stakes only. I had no pretensions to being a chess master, but needs must when the devil drives, and I started playing for small stakes . . . and believe me, fortune favored me from the start. I soon acquired a reputation and I used to win 20 to 30 dollars a day rather regularly; this not only supported me but also many of my friends who were unfortunate enough to have no means of livelihood.

"In 1871 when our efforts at last succeeded in Guatemala, I was elected President of this country . . . but I did not feel fitted for the post; my chief recreation was chess, and a year and a half later I resigned the presidency to my good friend Justo Rufino Barrios, one of Guatemala's greatest heroes. I returned to my home here and recommenced my chess evenings, playing many a good game until my death on the eighth of September, 1878. The position I showed you occurred in a game I was unable to finish on the night of my death.

"There was a severe earthquake in Guatemala in 1924 and this house was rebuilt by my descendants into a real palace . . . but I still haunt it. How excited I was when your visit here was announced. I had to come and disturb your slumber so that you could learn that Guatemala had one of the first professional chess players on this side of the world. Please accept my humble good wishes for a pleasant stay here; may your visit become one entirely beautiful souvenir!"

When I awoke next morning, I lay day-dreaming for a long time wondering who would believe me if I published this. Yet now that I am writing about chess in Guatemala I cannot refrain from mentioning this strange occurrence, and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of meeting the General again.

IN MEMORIAM

By W. H. Donnelly, San Francisco

Ernest J. Clarke, the Dean of Pacific Coast Chess, died December 16, 1948 in San Francisco at the age of 71, following a month's illness. He had been retired only several months, after 31 years as linotyper on the *Call Bulletin*. Previously, 1908-1914, he had been on the old San Francisco *Globe* and before that on the San Jose *Mercury Herald*.

He had contributed chess news and articles to the *American Chess Bulletin* ever since it was founded by his old friend Herman Helms in 1904. As Co-Chess-Editor with A. J. Fink, he conducted a chess column in the San Francisco *Chronicle* with a large and enthusiastic following from 1921-1930.

Readers of CALIFORNIA CHESS NEWS are familiar with Clarke's series of articles entitled "Some Chessmasters I've Known." Before he came to California (about 1907) as a member of the famous old Brooklyn Chess Club, he was in touch with leading chess players of the day and formed life-long friendships with Emanuel Lasker, W. E. Napier, Bruno Forsberg and the young Frank Marshall, who later was the U. S. champion for so many years. During this period, Clarke was news editor of Lasker's Chess Magazine and perhaps it was from Lasker he derived that stubborness which so often enabled him to fight his way out of an up-hill game. Anyone who ever played "E. J." will attest to the fact that he certainly had what it takes to stay in there and keep pitching.

Throughout his forty years in California, Clarke was a leader and promoter of unflagging zeal in the interests of chess. His loss is not only that he was a great amateur chess player, but he was a perfect gentleman and a swell guy. His playing record cannot go unmentioned.

Around 1904 he won first prize in a Queen's County Chess Club, Long Island. He held a medal inscribed "Pacific Coast Chess Championship 1911-1913 (Mechanics' Institute Medal Tournament)." He tied with H. Borochow of Los Angeles for 3rd and 4th place in the first California Chess Championship, January 1922, behind E. W. Gruer and S. Mlotkowski. In 1928 he took first in the "Major Tournament" at Mechanics' Institute. There were probably other tournaments which he won and others in which he made a high score, but the records are not at hand.

He was one of twelve who held ten-year pins in the North-South matches, playing in thirteen of these events, not counting the telegraph match. He got 5 wins, 3 losses, 5 draws, against Borochow, Patterson, Elliot, Spero, Weinbaum, Hultgren and Hazard.

Born in Rochester, New York on November 17, 1877, Clarke married Hattie Hutchinson of that state in 1901. She died in San Francisco in 1932.

In 1934 he married Mrs. Celia Jolly of San Francisco, who survives him. He is also survived by two sons, Lincoln and Walter and a daughter, Mrs. Erwin Berndt of his first marriage and one stepson James and stepdaughter Elaine, all living in the Bay Area. He also leaves three sisters in Oakland and a brother in San Jose.

If you never played chess with "Ernie," you can hardly appreciate how great a loss his death is to California chess. If you did play him, you remember the sincerity of his smile, his cheery greeting, his jauntiness, his spirit of fair play, his ideal chess board manners and his good will to men—and you will continue to remember him.

POSTAL CHESS GAMES

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Results of Postal games reported: Sec. 48-S-1.
Amneus 1—Tabor 0.
Dr. Ruys 1—Dr. Kupka 0.
Sec. 48-F-1.
Sanders 1—Rhoades 0.

New players: L. E. Barton, Los Angeles, Nick Russ, San Francisco; Chas. Schroeder, Garden Grove; Alton J. Hedges, Dixon; Ralph Davis, Castro Valley; Roscoe T. Hughes, Lafayette; Marion Sanders, Manteca (second group) H. R. Newport, Santa Monica; Carl Pohlhammer, Menlo Park; Edward J. Walters, Vacaville. Thomas Weston, Merced.

It's a lot of fun to play in the postal chess games. It's only a dollar ($1.00) a group. Why not enter right now! Prizes are $3.00 (in credit), $2.00 (in credit) and as third prize a free entry to the next group. Write to the Postal Chess Games editor for a set of "rules for play". Send entries to California Chess News, P. O. Box 124, Santa Rosa, California.

Solution to problem is (R-B6).

"HASTINGS 1948-49" by H. Golombek next month!

Santa Monica Bay Chess Club versus Los Feliz Chess Club

December 15, 1948

By GEORGE A. STEVEN, Santa Monica

We had been "swarring" revenge ever since the rather bad drubbing administered to us by the Los Feliz Chess Club in last year's matches, sponsored by Los Angeles County Chess League. We would bring a team to their club if they would agree to a satisfactory date, and play ten boards if possible. George Croy, their tournament director, broke out with a big grin on his face and said, "You guys will probably smear us, but we'll play any time you say." So it was arranged.

The night of the match arrived and we assembled ready to do battle. Ray Martin was elected team captain, and the team list positions agreed upon. An appropriate amount of time and discussion among our players was spent weighing the opponents strength, colors, and who was to play whom. The idea, of course, is to match player and opponent from what is known by their past play—"Mrs. Roos plays the Polish opening as white," and "A. Weiss plays . . .," and etc. All this as part of the pre-game strategy.

The games started, and for a time all was fairly quiet. Ray Martin, playing first board for us, had white against Sirelson in a Sicilian Defence game. Ray has made quite a study of this defence, and usually gives anyone a bad time when playing it against him. Things began to happen on board No. 2 with Paul Quillen going in for his aggressive but risky style as black, across from George Croy. Quillen had an off night and we dropped the point.

On board No. 3 Dave Johnston was the exchange down playing M. Kahl, in a difficult game. This point we lost, and Mrs. Roos won from Paul Wrangell to make the score theirs by 3-O! Not doing so good. I had white against LeRoy Johnson, who chose a Dutch Defence to my Queen's Gamit. Johnson had beaten me just a few weeks ago, in the L. A. County Championship and of course I wanted to even the score. After a not too eventful mid-game, I gained a bit of pressure and things looked good—to me at least! A pawn on "KB-6" and a well-planted Queen made me feel real pleased with myself. Johnson did not give up, though; he had a better queen side pawn formation and is a veteran tactician.

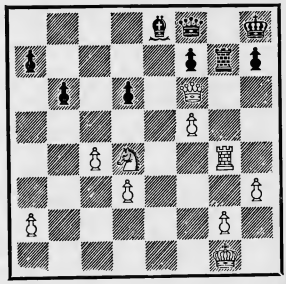
We went into a race for the break-through, and darned if he didn't "Queen" a pawn a move ahead of me, and with a "Check"! He saw further than I had and now the score was Los Feliz (4) and Santa Monica (0)!

This was a fine state of affairs for a club that was going to smear the enemy. We four could only stand by and bite our nails. The other games were as yet indecisive. Our first break came when Henry Johnson, playing for us on ninth board won the exchange, and eventually the game. Well, a point, and so we had at least one to our credit. Henry was playing his first team match with us, coming to our club from Fresno, Calif., and he is a student at UCLA.

A survey of the remaining games revealed that we might come out another point or two, at best. Ray Martin had Sidney Sirelson hanging on the ropes in their battle. We kibitzers got our heads together and Martin had a "Killer-Diller" coming up. He moved a Knight, forcing a defensive move . . . and there it was, Knight to King six. We all saw it. That would end it all in one fell swoop, as they say in the chess books. Ray kept us on edge for about ten minutes. Why didn't he move it? Well, he did, but to another square!!!, and we just about passed out. So did Martin, as he, too, saw the light, seconds too late.

""I'll win anyway!" says Martin and he did some moves later. By this time, Croy was not quite so sure that they were going to sweep us up. The fact was, he looked a bit serious for the first time of the night. Reed Newport was slowly getting the better of G. Tobin, and A. Spiller a slight edge on Ivan Frank. I don't know who it is harder on, the players or the kibitzers in a team match like this. You see things that may not be there, suffer despair and great hopes all rolled into one. For the remaining players it was quite tough, too. They knew the score was against us, and that we who had lost were hoping and depending on them to come through.

Why the kibitzers bit their nails!
Black: Siralson, Los Feliz



White: Martin, Santa Monica

30. N-K6, wins without further ado. Martin played 30. N-N5, and after general exchanges won the ending.

One of the most nerve racking games was the board played by Bobby Greene for our side and Kahn for Los Feliz. It started out a very drawish exchange variation of the French Defense, and Greene, before the score had been so bad, had offered a draw. Captain Martin said that perhaps they had better play on a bit more, and soon we needed the full point! Bobby suffers considerably in all his games, but never like this. He had to win a draw game or it looked like we would go under. From the look on his face, and the continual mopping of his hair, we could well enough tell his feelings. "A draw is a draw, is a draw, is a draw, etc., a la Gertrude Stein. Bobby's King was better placed and so he went to work, trying his best to force the issue. For a while, it looked like he might get away with the risks, Kahn playing somewhat slowly and somewhat defensively. Then the move that Bob did not take into account came, and Kahn suddenly had the advantage. The queen knight pawn could not be stopped. Croy was smiling again, we, in turn, were in despair. To make it worse, Greene was in time trouble, both players very tired. Then the tables changed again and—Bobby won a pawn with an awkward check, and they finished up with just Kings and Queens! In the meantime, Newport had won from Tobin, making the score 4½ to 3½, with one board remaining out of the nine. Spiller and Frank are old rivals, but tonight it was Spiller's time to howl. He won one pawn, then two pawns, and finally the game was adjourned to be finished the following Saturday night. We piled into our cars, and headed for home very much exhausted. It was 1 o'clock in the morning and we were starving. All hands had hamburgers and coffee at "Smoky Joe's" in Beverly Hills, and to bed at two o'clock.

Arthur Spiller won the adjournment after a complicated struggle, to tie the score up at 4½ to 4½. It was only proper that a return match at Santa Monica was agreed upon, scheduled for the month of January, 1949.

SANTA MONICA		LOS FELIZ	
R. Martin	1	S. Sirelson	0
P. Quillen	0	G. Croy	1
D. Johnston	0	M. Kahl	1
A. Spiller	1	I. Frank	0
G. Steven	0	L. Johnson	1
P. Wrangell	0	Mrs. N. Roos	1
R. Greene	½	N. Kahn	½
R. Newport	1	C. Tobin	0
H. Johnson	1	Larson	0
	4½		4½

George A. Steven, 30 years old, married, three children—two boys and one girl. Played chess since 12 years old, seriously since 18. Interested in opening theory, has large book and game collection. Santa Monica city champ 1946, won city summer tournament in 1948. President, Santa Monica Bay Chess Club.

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San Francisco Bay Area Chess League

By GUTHRIE McCLAIN

FINAL STANDINGS, DIVISION A

1—2 (tie)	Castle Chess Club	4—1
	Russian Chess Club	4—1
3—4 (tie)	Mechanics' Institute	3—2
	Oakland Chess and Checker Club	3—2
5	University of California	1—4
6	Berkeley Chess Club	0—5

The championship wil be decided by a play-off match between Castle and the Russians in the near future.

Competition was between 7-man teams. The tournament ran from October 23 to December 18, 1948.

The box score:

Club	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score
1. Castle	—	1	0	1	1	1	4—1
2. Russians	0	—	1	1	1	1	4—1
3. Mechanics' Ins.	1	0	—	0	1	1	3—2
4. Oakland	0	0	1	—	1	1	3—2
5. U. C.	0	0	0	0	—	1	1—4
6. Berkeley	0	0	0	0	0	—	0—5

The failure of the pre-tourney favorites, the strong Mechanics' Institute team captained by H. J. Ralston and containing such players as A. J. Fink, Carroll Capps, Charles Bagby, Walter Pafnutieff, Arthur Stamer, Harold Simon, Leslie Boyette and Heinz Loewy, to finish higher than a tie for third place, was the surprise of the tournament. The Mechanics, who were high in total points with 22½-12½, lost two hard-fought matches by identical scores of 2½-4½. In their three remaining matches, the Mechanics ran away from the opposition with a score of 17½-3½. The best showing was made by the Berkeley club, composed largely of inexperienced players. Although Berkeley won no matches, they held their opponents to the minimum score of 4-3 on three occasions. Their closest match was against Castle, when Berkeley won three of the first four games to be finished, and lost the deciding game by a narrow margin.

San Jose News

By HARRY SHAW

The San Jose Chess Club held their annual meeting and elected officers for the year 1949. William T. Adams, president; Harry G. Shaw, secretary; George Van Hooser, team captain; Dr. David Malig, tournament director.

The club is sponsored by the Y.M.C.A., which organization provides a club room to play games, hold exhibitions and tournaments, contingent upon the chess players obtaining basic membership cards in the "Y".

In this past year, the membership has grown from a few players to about 20 active members and the Y.M.C.A. have allotted the club larger quarters. It is the objective of the club to double the membership this coming year and already some progress has been made by publicity in the local newspapers inviting beginners and ladies to the club for free instruction.

A permanent ladder tournament and a system of rating each player on a percentage basis has been put into effect so that players may play stronger players and develop their games.

A recent friendly match was played with the Salinas Club visiting our club rooms. They brought along 13 players.

Santa Rosa Chess Club

By SHERMAN WALKER

The following were elected as officers of the Santa Rosa Chess club for the 1949 season. President, Frank Schneider; vice-presidents, Judge B. C. Jenkins and Tom Shoemaker: secretary, Alan Kelly; treasurer, Alex Sokol, and publicity director, Sherman Walker.

The club played San Rafael on Tuesday, January 18, winning by a score of 9½ to 4½.

Starting January 26 the new meeting place will be at the Santa Rosa Junior College. Visitors and new members welcome.

Capital City Chess Club

By NEIL T. AUSTIN, Sacramento

At our meeting of January 5th, the following officers were elected: President, N. T. Austin; secretary-treasurer, J. B. Gee, and executive committee member, Victor Burns. Milton O. Meyer was appointed team captain, which position he capably filled in our recent league match. It was decided to start the annual city championship on January 19th. The tournament will be a 5-round Swiss System with 17 entries. N. T. Austin will be a non-playing director.

Both our "A" and "B" teams were successful in the recent league matches at Modesto, although our "B" team was helped by forfeits on the part of Stockton.

San Pedro Chess Club

By H. D. HEYER

The San Pedro Chess Club Annual Championship Tournament will begin Wednesday, January 12th, and run for a period of ten weeks. The tournament will be divided into two parts, preliminary and finals. Entry will be open to all members of the club, who are in good standing.

San Rafael Chess Club

By LOUIS YATES

In a recent match, a twelve-man team from San Rafael squeezed out a 6½-5½ win over the San Quentin Chess Club. Following the match, a short simultaneous exhibition was given by San Rafael's Jim Myers. Newly elected club officers at San Rafael are Lou Yates, president, and Ralph Comstock, treasurer. Correspondence about club activities should be addressed to Lou Yates, 117 Ross Ave., San Anselmo.

Pomona Chess Club

By ROBERT UPHAM

New club officers were elected at the January 10 meeting. They are as follows: president,, Cliff Drevlo; vice presidents, Frank Fontaine and Emil Bersbach; secretary-treasurer, Robert Upham.

On January 17, our 5-man team edged San Bernardino in a match there.

POMONA		SAN BERNARDINO	
E. Bersbach	0	B. Madrid	1
R. Upham	1	J. Keys	0
R. Pingarron	1	J. Colley	0
I. Kirk	0	C. Burton	1
F. Fontaine	1	G. Maloof	0
	3		2

The Madrid-Bersbach, tussle—a real thriller—was the highlight of the match. Both teams lacked the services of top talent: Drevlo of Pomona and Auerbach and Fuelie of San Bernardino. A return match is planned for late February.

Tacoma Chess Club

By RAY HISCOX

Mr. O. I. Ulvestad, Washington Chess Master, played eleven opponents in simultaneous exhibition at the Tacoma Chess Club; winning 9, losing 1, and drawing 1. Carrol Crain secured the "win", and Vernon Holmes the "draw". Other participants were R. Collins, R. Hiscox, R. Avann, C. Belden, E. Biow, L. Coubrough, V. Hultman, H. Kaffenberger and L. Dambacher.

On Sunday afternoon, following the Friday evening "Simultaneous", Mr. Ulvestad played three match games, also simultaneously, with selected local players, in connection with which he described his own, and what he considered to be his opponents' ideas, during the progress of the games.

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Central California Chess League News

By NEIL T. AUSTIN, Sacramento

The second league meeting was held at Modesto on January 16th. The meeting was very successful with the exception of the late arrival of two of Stockton's top boards, forcing them to play on the "B" team, and adversely affecting their score. It was decided to offer cups to the winners of both "A" and "B" leagues, to be retired by the first team to win three times. The next meeting is scheduled for late February.

Results—"A" Team Matches

FRESNO		STOCKTON	
Pelouze	1	Lacey	0
Bird	1	Jarvis	0
Bradfield	1	Sanders, S.	0
Poulsen	1	Kingery	0
Cook, E.	1	Sanders, S.	0
Kallman	1	Bufton	0
	6		0

SACRAMENTO		MODESTO	
Gee	½	Jackson, M.	½
Meyer	1	Paul	0
Austin	1	Smith, C.	0
Jackson, F.	1	Betker	0
Chapman	1	Berry	0
Marianos	0	Krogness	1
	4½		1½

Results—"B" Team Matches

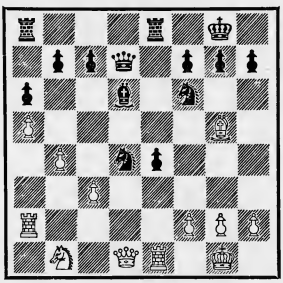
FRESNO		MODESTO	
McNelis	0	Saylor	1
Ritchey	0	Sampson	1
Legler	1	Smith, W.	0
Hoffman	0	Cook, C.	1
Richards	0	Wente	1
McNelis	1	Kelley	0
	2		4

SACRAMENTO		STOCKTON	
Carey	0	Hubbard	1
Talcott	0	Labrie	1
Soligan	1	Forfeit	0
Kremer	1	Forfeit	0
Hoover	1	Forfeit	0
	½		½
	3½		2½

Standings

"A"		"B"	
Sacramento	2-0	Modesto	2-0
Modesto	1-1	Sacramento	2-0
Fresno	1-1	Stockton	0-2
Stockton	0-2	Fresno	0-2

Black: N. T. Austin, Sacramento



White: C. J. Smith, Modesto.

White continued with 18. BxN, overlooking Black's reply: 18. . . N-B6ch; 19. K-R1, (if 19. PxN, Q-R6 wins.) PxB; 20. PxN, Q-R6; 21. R-N1ch, K-R1; 22. P-KB4, BxBP; 23. P-B3, QR-Q1; 24. Q-KB1; QxQ; 25. RxQ, PxP; 26. R2-KB2, R-K7; 27. N-R3, RxR and White resigned.

Salinas Chess Club News

By PHILLIPS WYMAN JR.

Salinas Chess Club received a bad beating from the San Jose Chess Club at their YMCA last December 21st. However, we all returned home to strengthen our openings and end games with the hopes of revenge one of these days. Salinas won only one game and drew four, leaving us on the short end of the ten to three score. The line-up was:

SAN JOSE CHESS CLUB		SALINAS CHESS CLUB	
William T. Adams	1	Phillips Wyman, Jr.	0
E. H. Mueller	½	Wayne Pope	½
Don Foley	1	George B. Oakes	0
Dr. J. M. David Malig	½	Glenn R. Detweiler	½
Francis Crofut	½	Foster Clark	½
L. H. Daugherty	1	Elmer Hawkins	0
M. H. O'Shaughnessy	1	Bill Ingalls	0
Andy Buschine	1	A. V. Flippin	0
L. Barton	1	Thurmond Black	0
A. Mercer	½	Carl Sauer	½
A. Lidstrom	1	Ted Lang	0
George Van Hooser	1	David Flippin	0
Charles Wilson	0	John Douglass	1
	10		3

Starting January 4th, we started our annual tournament of the Salinas Area. The tournament, this year, is divided into three section, a Junior Class, having been added. In Class "A", George Oakes is the defending champion.

In the newly formed Junior Class members are receiving instruction from the "A" players (although we often find they know more than we do) on Saturday afternoons. In February there will be a tournament to decide the winners. Suitable trophies are to be properly awarded to all winners.

Palo Alto

By TED DANA

Played at Oakland Jan. 22, 1949

Palo Alto		Oakland "B"	
Dana	0	Ledgerwood	1
Mills	1	Saunders	0
Bourke	½	Schaller	½
Kiviaho	0	Freeman	1
McInturff	½	Schlaffer	½
Ricketts	0	Fredgren	1
Morsman	½	King	½
	2½		4½

Portland Chess Club

By JIM SCHMITT

The Portland Chess Club held its annual election of officers Jan. 8. The following were reelected: A. W. Dake, president; J. C. Burnham, vice-president; E. G. Short, secty.-treas.; Jim Schmitt, asst. secty. The 1949 club tournament was organized in two divisions according to perpetual tournament rating. There were 15 entries. Mr. Arthur Dake is planning to hold a simultaneous exhibition Jan. 29, for the benefit of the club. Dake took on 12 boards at the meeting, and came through unscathed, though not without a battle.

Game played in the Oregon Open Tourney.

ALBIN COUNTER GAMBIT.

White: A. W. DAKE. Black: G. Swift, Jr.

1.	P-Q4	P-Q4	16. QR-Q	O-O-O
2.	P-QB4	P-K4	17. B-R3	P-KN3
3.	PxKP	P-Q5	18. B-K3	N-Q5
4.	N-KB3	N-QB3	19. BxN	BxB
5.	QN-Q2	B-KN5	20. N-B6	O-B4
6.	P-KN3	BxN	21. P-N3	K-N
7.	NxB	B-B4	22. BxN	PxB
8.	B-N2	P-KR3	23. R-Q3	Q-B3ch
9.	O-O	KN-K2	24. Q-N2	Q-N3
10.	N-Q2	P-QR4	25. N-Q5	Q-B4
11.	N-K4	B-R2	26. KR-Q	B-B7
12.	P-B4	P-Q6ch	27. R(Q3)-Q2	P-QB3
13.	K-R	PxP	28. N-B6	RxR
14.	QxP	N-B4	29. RxR	B-K8
15.	B-Q2	Q-K2	30. N-Q7ch	Resigns

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5kB1|3R1N1P|3NR3|2Bk4|1P6|3K4|8|8|-2 moves.

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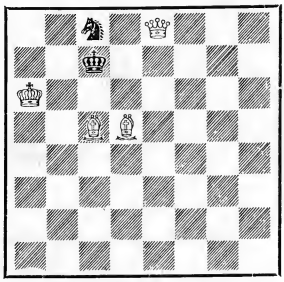
Solutions to problem by F. Janet—B-KB8. The "Civis Bonaniae MSS problem—R-B2CH. No. 36. Q-K5; Uo. 37. Q-N8; No. 38. N-R2; No. 39. Q-N4; No. 40. Q-K7; No. 41. Q-N5.

No. 42. W. A. Shinkman



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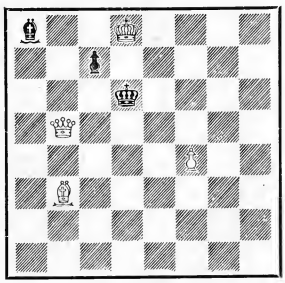

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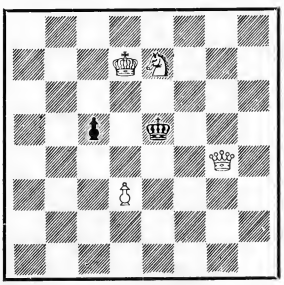

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